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SUBJECT: BURNHAM ANNOUNCES GUYANA TO HAVE AGENCY SHOP

1. DURING AUGUST 18TH ADDRESS TO DELEGATES CONFERENCE OF COMMERCIAL AND CLERICAL WORKERS UNION, PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM TOLD DELEGATES LABOR HAD CONTRIBUTED TO RECENT ELECTION VICTORY AND HE ANNOUNCED HIS GOVT WOULD ENACT LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING AGENCY SHOP IN GUYANA. AGENCY SHOP WILL MEAN THAT NON-UNION WORKERS WILL PAY FEE TO UNIONS WHICH ACT AS BARGAINING AGENCY FOR ALL WORKERS IN CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS.

2. AGENCY SHOP COULD SERVE TO STRENGTHEN UNIONS AND INCREASE MEMBERSHIP DEPENDING ON HOW IT IS APPLIED. EMB OFFICER LEARNED IN CONVERSATIONS WITH BOTH PERM SEC AND CHIEF LABOR OFFICER AT MINISTRY OF LABOR THAT AT PRESENT "NOTHING HAS BEEN DECIDED." BURNHAM APPARENTLY MADE HIS ANNOUNCEMENT WITHOUT COORDINATION WITH MINISTRY OFFICIALS AND THEY ARE WAITING TO LEARN HIS INTENTIONS.

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3. ALTHOUGH PRECISE OUTCOME STILL UNCERTAIN, ACCEPTANCE OF  
AGENCY SHOP APPEARS TO BE ORGANIZED LABOR'S FIRST DIVIDEND FROM  
ITS INDORSEMENT OF BURNHAM IN JULY 16 ELECTION. BURNHAM GOVT,  
IN POSITION OF STRENGTH, IS LIKELY TO PROVE MORE DIFFICULT ON  
OTHER SENSITIVE ISSUES, PARTICULARLY WAGES AND PRICES POLICY  
OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND RELEASE OF MORE ACCURATE COST OF LIVING  
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